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McKEE APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INDIANA INTELLIGENCE FUSION CENTER

Indianapolis – The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) announced today the appointment of Monte McKee as Executive Director of the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (IIFC). Earlier this year, Governor Daniels signed Executive Order 06-04 and Public Law 101-2006 that established IIFC, a statewide initiative to create a law enforcement intelligence sharing system.

An Indiana State Police (ISP) trooper since 1977, McKee served in both the Seymour and Sellersburg districts before attaining the rank of Major and receiving the assignment to headquarters as a Division Commander in 2000. McKee, the center's first executive director, recently served as ISP's liaison to the Indiana Counter-Terrorism and Security Council and played an integral role in the development of the IIFC.

"Monte McKee has the skills we sought in an Executive Director for the Fusion Center. He is an excellent career law enforcement officer, appreciates emergency response challenges and understands the intelligence process," said J. Eric Dietz, IDHS Executive Director. "Indiana is fortunate to have a person like Director McKee for the job."

According to Michael F. Ward, Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, "The election of Monte as Executive Director clearly provides the citizens of the State of Indiana an exceptional resource of intellect and dedication to and for public safety. No one in the state has a better feel for the needs and benefits of communication in a post 9-11 environment as does Monte."

Dietz and Ward are members of IIFC's Executive Committee that approved McKee's appointment. The committee provides policy and administrative guidance and oversight for the center. Members of the committee include the Executive Director of the Indiana Sheriff's Association, the Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Marion County Sheriff, the Indianapolis Chief of Police, the Executive Director of IDHS, the Adjutant General of Indiana, the Superintendent of ISP, the Superintendent of the Indiana Excise Police, the Director of Law Enforcement for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Attorneys for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, and the Special Agent in Charge of the Indianapolis FBI field office.

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"The events of 9-11-01 have been a catalyst to improve the information sharing and intelligence developing capacity as it relates to homeland security and terrorism throughout federal, state, and local government agencies," said McKee. "The State of Indiana has embraced this concern by creating the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center and the opportunity to lead this effort is a privilege and honor."

The purpose of IIFC, a division of IDHS, is to collect, integrate, evaluate, analyze and disseminate information and intelligence to support local, state and federal agencies in detecting, preventing, and responding to criminal and terrorist activity. The IIFC will co-locate representatives of these agencies to share information and to facilitate joint efforts to prevent and solve crimes to protect better the public.

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